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#### SHADES OF CHEREP-SPIRIDOVICH

"Adopted Son" Continues Late General's Anti-Semitic Activity in U. S., Which Was Praised by Father Aubert Keutner, Friend of Coughlin's

A young man calling himself "Lieutenant-General Count V. Cherep-Spiridovich" is distributing vicious anti-democratic and anti-Semitic literature from a downtown address in New York City. He sends through United States mail numerous copies of his mimeographed publication called Intelligence and carrying a motto "America For Americans." The sheet was established in 1926, and at one time was known as Gentile Review. It is now published "as frequently as finances permit," and the latest issue is devoted chiefly to an attack on President Roosevelt and what is called "his coterie of Mongol-Jewish advisers."

#### Cherep-Spiridovich "Willed" His Name and Work

Who is Cherep-Spiridovich? At one time there lived in this country a Russian émigré by that name, boasting of a Major-General's rank in the late Tsar's army. The Major-General and his anti-Semitic literature were highly praised by a friend and radio-guest-speaker of Father Coughlin's, the Rev. Father Aubert Keutner, O.F.M., of Madison, Illinois (see The Hour for December 2, 1939, pages 1 and 2). In a letter written on October 11, 1939, Father Aubert wrote that the Count "was assassinated for writing" books and pamphlets against Jews and democracy. He even gave fantastic details of the Count's "murder" in New York.

It is true that Major-General Count Cherep-Spiridovich died in this country some time ago. The young man styling himself "Lieutenant-General Count V. Cherep-Spiridovich" explains that he is "the adopted son" of the late Major-General who, he says, before dying willed his name and a Lieutenant-General's rank to him along with the "blessing" to continue the pro-Nazi, pro-Fascist and anti-Jewish work.

In his letter of October 11, 1939, Father Aubert quoted books by Cherep-Spiridovich the Elder among other anti-Semitic works, and wrote to his correspondent: "In addition Father Coughlin also has valuable material based on such works as I quoted above. I am positive he would give you ready access to the fountains from which he drew." It is interesting to know whether Father Aubert and other American anti-Semites

draw from the writings of Cherep-Spiridovich the Younger. Or does he draw his inspiration from their works?

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## E. EICKEN MOVES EAST TO NEW YORK

### Suave Pro-Nazi Work in the Offing

Within the last week Ernst Eicken, recent president of the German American National Alliance (Einheitsfront), arrived in New York City. He was transferred to this city from Chicago by the firm for which he works, H. A. Brassert & Company, consulting engineers. In Chicago, in addition to directing the Alliance, Eicken headed the German Veterans of the World War and was on chummy terms with the Nazi Bund. It is rumored that among Eicken's non-commercial activities in New York will be the organization of a new branch of the German American National Alliance, which has already become a powerful pro-Hitler influence among German societies in the Midwest.

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## EDMONDSON WAXES PATRIOTIC

### Attacks Aliens and "Fifth Columnists"

As it is becoming the custom for American fascists, the notorious Robert Edward Edmondson is today proclaiming his "patriotic" inclinations and is loudly condemning "Fifth Columnists." Among the latter, according to him, are the liberals, the aliens, the labor unions, and the Jews. In his latest bulletin Edmondson says it is these groups that at present constitute the real threat to America. He points out in contrast that there is no more loyal and patriotic citizen than himself. In his own rather illuminating words: "I am for Americanism in America just as Germans are for Nazism in Germany."

### One Hundred Percent Americanism

The most recent bulletins which Edmondson is distributing (in large quantities, as usual) throughout the United States are highly indicative of the contemporary trend in American fascist thought. In one bulletin, "Am I a Fifth Columnist?", Edmondson stresses his "American heritage." The bulletin, addressed to "Militant Fellow Americans" and chiefly occupied with berating "the Jewish golden calf," contains the following passage:

"WHO IS ROBERT EDWARD EDMONDSON? His record follows — Political: Non-Partisan, for Americanism first; Anti-Internationalism; anti-dictatorship, Communistic or Fascistic; not a member of any secret society. Financial: Modestly independent — no entanglements. Religion: A believer in Christian Principles, not a church member. Ancestry: Virginia-Maryland Pre-Revolution Native American, chiefly Scotch descent ..... Ambition and Objective: RESTORATION OF THE REPUBLIC!"



## Anti-Semitism and Anti-Alienism

Having offered this proof of the "purity" of his blood, Edmondson proceeds to that favorite topic of all fascists: anti-Semitism. Of course, he gravely observes, he has nothing against the Jewish people as a whole:

"THIS IS A PATRIOTIC DEFENSE CRUSADE — The Edmondson Jew-Exposure Publicity Campaign is not an Anti-Semitic Crusade against a race or a religion. It is a de-personalized patriotic defense-action against the Jewish politico-economic Anti-Americanism." ... (Italics Edmondson's)

This "de-personalized patriotic defense-action" involves a vilification of Jews not only in this country but throughout the world, and Edmondson concludes this particular bulletin with the exhortation: "Save the Republic from the Jews and their Fellow Travelers!"

A second bulletin is concerned with attacking the aliens -- a pastime the ~~sad~~ for which in native fascist circles ranks second only to Jew-baiting. The intimate ties between these twin tenets of fascist propaganda are established in this bulletin, which is entitled "Do You Know that -- THE U. S. IS ALIEN-RULED?" Edmondson here observes:

"Do you know that, in this greatest war in history, and in the most acute crisis in the life of the Republic of the U.S.A., its politico-economic destinies are being directed, not by patriotic Americans, but by International Jewish Aliens, so branded by their own refusal to assimilate into or unite with the American Organism -- A Fifth Column deadly menace to the Peace and Safety of the Nation?" (Italics Edmondson's)

In short, as Edmondson sees it, Jews and aliens are of one mold and together they constitute America's Fifth Column. His solution to the problem is simple: both groups must be eliminated (along with liberals and union members) from the American scene.

In proposing this solution Robert Edward Edmondson, whose admiration for and connections with the Nazis have long been well-known, is no exception to the native fascist rule. Like his fellow fascists, he needs a scapegoat. And thus, he has decided on the aliens and the Jews as the ideal scapegoat for U. S. Fascism.

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## KOISCHWITZ BROADCASTS NAZI PROPAGANDA TO AMERICA

## Former Hunter College Professor Works for Hitler

On July 15 Walter Winchell published in his column the following item: "In 1935 this column suggested that a man named Otto Koischwitz, then employed at Hunter College, was disseminating Nazi propaganda. He indignantly protested and swore his love for America. ... This same man is now a paid propagandist speaker. He can be heard on the official Nazi short-wave radio -- the one aimed for propaganda purposes to the United States."

The Hour calls the attention of its readers to the fact that this is the same Assistant Professor Otto Koischwitz, German-language teacher at Hunter College in New York City, whose propagandist activities were described in our issue of August 30, 1939. At the time we stated that in 1935 Koischwitz wrote a book in English, A German-American Interprets Germany (Gutenberg Publishing Co., Milwaukee), full of praise for Hitler and book-burning, scorn of democracy and Jews, and such quotations as "Intellect is poison, blood is power." In 1938 Koischwitz published in German a study of Eugene O'Neill (Junker & Duenhaupt, Berlin), in which he praised the American playwright for his alleged failure to protest against Nazism. In 1939 his "American Letter," appearing in the Nazi publication Literatur, proclaimed that Hitler was indeed German; that democracy, by being anti-Nazi, was guilty of being anti-German, and that Broadway was ruled by "anti-German propaganda."

On September 30, 1939, The Hour reported that Koischwitz was in Germany when the war broke out, taking advantage of his six-month leave of absence from Hunter College. He was due back in New York in February, 1940. Ostensibly starting on his return way to the United States, he left Germany soon after the outbreak of the war, and for a time resided in the Scandinavian countries, "waiting for his family to rejoin him" (the family were still in the Nazi Reich). However, the proper authorities in the United States were preparing to take action with regard to his Nazi propagandistic activities if and when he returned. Photostatic evidence of his activities, collected by The Hour, was kept ready for such action. Perhaps learning of the impending action, and needed by Hitler in the Scandinavian countries and the Nazi Reich, Assistant Professor Otto Koischwitz chose not to return.

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## BOYS IN ILLINOIS AND MINISTRY IN BERLIN

### Dr. Goebbels Looks for Every Little Straw

The painstaking attention paid by Doctor Goebbels to every pro-fascist wind wafting from the United States is indicated in the following report reaching us from Highland Park, Illinois. A group of local high-school boys, either impressed with the military successes of Hitler and his armies, or merely playing a juvenile prank, wrote a letter addressing it, "Hitler, Berlin, Germany." Therein they stated their admiration for the Nazis and their successes and asked to be allowed to do their bit for the Greater Reich. Somehow, despite the uncertainties of the wartime, the letter must have reached Berlin, for within a few weeks came a reply from Dr. Joseph Goebbels' Ministry of Propaganda. The reply directed the boys to the proprietor of a local German bakery, one of the most popular in town, who was recommended by the Berlin authority as a reliable Nazi and the local representative of Hitler's idea. The man, according to the letter, had his instructions and would be glad to be the Gauleiter of the eager American boys.

The result was rather unexpected: in great glee the boys showed the letter around, and indignant citizens began to boycott the bakery almost out of existence.

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